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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**LOOGOOTEE MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION AND  
DISTRIBUTION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL  
INVOLVING MINORS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MICHAEL E. PRIDEMORE, 56, of Loogootee, Indiana, was sentenced to 108 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to distribution of sexually explicit material involving minors and possession of sexually explicit material involving minors. This case was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Indiana State Police, the Martin County Sheriff's Department, and the Martin County Prosecutor's Office.

PRIDEMORE sent an e-mail to an undercover police officer outside of Indiana that included two images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. PRIDEMORE sent the images from a computer he operated in his Loogootee, Indiana, residence. PRIDEMORE also

admitted that he possessed numerous images, stored on computer diskettes, of actual minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed supervised release for life following PRIDEMORE'S release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, PRIDEMORE must participate in a sex offender treatment program, must not have contact with minors, and must register as a sex offender.

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